

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Special Advisor to Japan's Finance Minister has called upon India and Japan to improve bilateral relations and take a leadership role in greater Asia;
- (b) if so, the details thereof?
- (c) whether India propose to build up strategic alliance with Japan; and
- (d) if so, the broad features thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) Dr. Eisuki Sakakibara, presently Professor at Keio University, Japan and Special Advisor to the Japan's Minister of Finance visited India in March 2000. He gave a lecture on 'The Role of Japan and the Emerging Asia,' on March 27, under the auspices of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations and Confederation of India Industry. In the course of the lecture, he spoke of the need for India and Japan to work together to improve bilateral relations and to take a leadership role in Asia.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.